

January 27, 2006

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Attn: Security Group, Licensing & Review
Crystal Park #5 - Suite 3D07
2451 Crystal Drive
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you, on behalf of the agency who caused the Secrecy Order to be issued on the below-identified patent application, that an affirmative determination has been made, on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, that the national interest requires that the invention continue to be kept secret and that the grant of a patent continue to be withheld.

The Current Secrecy Order expiration date is 2/17/2006.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Secrecy Order be renewed.

Sincerely,

L.M. D'Amato

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By direction of
Chief of Naval Research